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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended.) An adjustable collar for a nasal or oral endotracheal tube, said collar comprising:
  - a) a smooth first surface for contacting the skin of a patient using the endotracheal tube,
  - b) a support section attached to the first surface, and
  - c) a band attached to the support section comprising flexible domes, having a height above the surface of the band of from about 0.3 to about 3 mm, that compress against the tube and grip it when the collar is secured around the tube without significantly compressing the tube and restricting air flow.
2. (Original.) The collar of claim 1 made of a semi-rigid, non-irritating plastic material.
3. (Original.) The collar of claim 2 made of silicone.
4. (Currently Amended.) The collar of claim 1 for use with a nasal endotracheal tube, wherein said collar is tapered in the region where it ~~contact~~ contacts the endotracheal tube.
5. (Currently Amended.) The collar of claim 4 shaped so that it holds the endotracheal tube at an angle relative is closer to the skin between the patient's nose and upper lip whereby the tube is closer to the skin proximally than it is distally.
6. (Original.) The collar of claim 1 wherein the flexible domes are made of silicone.
7. (Original.) The collar of claim 6 wherein a plastic retainer strip underlies the domes.
8. (Original.) The collar of claim 7 wherein the plastic strip comprises a lock at one end and a belt at the other end that can be pulled to secure the collar around the tube.

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9. (Currently Amended.) A retainer for securing a nasal or oral endotracheal tube in a patient, said retainer comprising:
- a) an adjustable collar comprising:
    - (i) a smooth first surface for contacting the skin of the patient,
    - (ii) a support section attached to the first surface, and
    - (iii) a band attached to the support section comprising flexible domes, having a height above the surface of the band of from about 0.3 to about 3 mm, that compress against the tube and grip it when the collar is secured around the tube without significantly compressing the tube and restricting air flow, and
  - b) lateral extensions from the collar for securing the collar to the head of the patient.
10. (Original.) The retainer of claim 9 made of silicone.
11. (Original.) The retainer of claim 9 wherein a plastic retainer strip underlies the domes.
12. (Original.) The retainer of claim 9 wherein the lateral extensions have a bi-lobed appearance.
13. (Original.) The retainer of claim 12 wherein the lateral extensions have a smooth surface that contacts the patient's skin.
14. (Currently Amended.) A retainer for securing a nasal or oral endotracheal tube in a patient, said retainer comprising:
- a) an adjustable collar comprising:
    - (i) a smooth first surface for contacting the skin of the patient,
    - (ii) a support section attached to the first surface, and
    - (iii) a band attached to the support section comprising flexible domes, having a height above the surface of the band of from about 0.3 to about 3 mm, that compress against the tube and grip it when the collar is secured around the tube without significantly compressing the tube and restricting air flow;
  - b) lateral extensions from the collar for securing the collar to the head of the patient; and

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- c) at least one strap attached to the lateral extensions for securing the collar to the head of the patient.
15. (Currently Amended.) The retainer of claim 14 wherein the at least one strap comprises hook and loop ~~refastenable~~ refastenable material.
16. (Original.) The retainer of claim 14 wherein at least one lateral strap connects the at least one strap attached to the lateral extensions.
17. (Original.) The retainer of claim 14 made of silicone.
18. (Original.) The retainer of claim 17 wherein the lateral extensions have a bi-lobed appearance.
19. (Original.) The retainer of claim 18 wherein a plastic retainer strip underlies the domes.
20. (Original.) The retainer of claim 19 wherein two straps are attached to the lateral extensions and two straps vertically connect the straps attached to the lateral extensions, and said straps comprise hook and loop refastenable material.